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1. GAO VISITS TO INDONESIA HAVE BEEN OF MODERATE FREQUENCY AND DURATION. DURING THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD ENDING JULY 31, 1978, JAKARTA RECEIVED FIVE GAO TEAMS. THE THREE VISITS IN 1977 WERE WIDELY SPACED (FEBRUARY, MAY AND DECEMBER). ALTHOUGH THE TWO IN 1978 OCCURRED IN THE SAME TIME PERIOD (JULY-AUGUST), THEY INVOLVED DIFFERENT ELEMENTS OF THE MISSION AND OF THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT. IN ALL CASES THE DURATION OF THE VISITS (RANGING FROM ONE TO FIVE WEEKS) APPEARED TO BE CONSONANT WITH THE TEAM TASKS, ALTHOUGH GREATER PRE-VISIT PREPARATION WOULD IN THREE CASES HAVE PERMITTED SHORTENING OF THE VISITS. AN AVERAGE OF THREE WEEKS WAS SPENT AT THE EMBASSY BY THE TEAMS. CONSTITUENT POSTS WERE ONLY marginally INVOLVED.

2. THE COMPOSITION AND PROCEDURES OF THE TEAMS CAUSED US FEW PROBLEMS. TWO TEAMS, BOTH STUDYING ENERGY,
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CAME WELL PREPARED WITH QUESTIONNAIRES AND WITH A GOOD BASE OF KNOWLEDGE ACQUIRED IN WASHINGTON. THE OTHER THREE TEAMS WERE NOT SO WELL PREPARED AND HAD NOT PROVIDED THE EMBASSY WITH SUFFICIENT PRE-VISIT INFORMATION FOR IT TO MAKE ADEQUATE PREPARATIONS. AS A RESULT, MUCH TIME WAS WASTED. WITH TWO OR THREE EXCEPTIONS, THE MEMBERS OF ALL TEAMS DID NOT HAVE A HIGH LEVEL OF

TECHNICAL EXPERTISE IN THE SUBJECTS BEING EXPLORED.

3. THE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN ON THE EMBASSY WAS SUBSTANTIAL BUT NOT ONEROUS. WE ESTIMATE THAT ON THE AVERAGE EACH TEAM REQUIRED ONE AMERICAN OFFICER MAN-DAY PER DAY OF THE VISIT, TWO OFFICER MAN-DAYS FOR PREPARATION AND FOLLOW-UP, AND ONE-HALF MAN-DAY PER DAY OF VISIT FOR AMERICAN SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE. ONE OF THE VISITS REQUIRED 14 THIRD-COUNTRY AND 12 LOCAL EMPLOYEE MAN-DAYS, WHILE THE OTHERS MADE MINIMAL DEMANDS IN THIS AREA. SEVERAL AMERICAN OFFICERS WORKED OVERTIME BUT THERE IS NO STATISTICAL RECORD SINCE COMPENSATION WAS NOT CLAIMED. ONE VISIT REQUIRED APPROXIMATELY 30 HOURS OF FSL OVERTIME.

4. ONLY TWO OF THE TEAMS HAD CONTACT WITH INDONESIAN OFFICIALS, WHO RECOGNIZED THEIR NATIONAL INTEREST IN THE STUDIES AND COOPERATED FULLY. THIS COOPERATION AT THE OFFICIAL LEVEL WAS, HOWEVER, QUALIFIED IN BOTH CASES BY SERIOUS UNOFFICIAL QUESTIONING OF THE PURPOSES OF THE VISITS. THE INDONESIANS FELT THAT THE DEMANDS ON THEIR PERSONNEL WERE BURDENSOME. THE GAO TEAM MEMBERS WERE WITHOUT EXCEPTION TACTFUL AND COURTEOUS IN ELICITING INFORMATION. OTHER THAN REQUIRING THAT THE GAO TEAM MEMBERS BE ACCOMPANIED BY EMBASSY OFFICERS ON THEIR CALLS ON INDONESIAN OFFICIALS AND THAT THEIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION BE CHanneled THROUGH THEIR CONTROL OFFICER, THE EMBASSY PLACED NO CONTROLS ON CONTACTS. THE GAO TEAMS IN QUESTION SOLICITED AND FOLLOWED EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE OFFICIALS THEY SHOULD SEEK TO SEE AND THE MEANS OF OBTAINING WRITTEN MATERIAL.
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